

Interesting weather patterns have kept us in a mild winter so far. The actual highway snow and ice control trips for the entire season are at 72. Highway staff is fitting in summer equipment repair during the seasonal lulls. Attention to the upkeep and maintenance avoids breakdowns when equipment is needed for use. Staff is creating more storage and usable spaces in the cold storage hangar. Many creative nooks and specialized sized storage for the old airport that still can serve purpose today. Working inside an old building has special meaning and history surrounding one in daily activity, pretty nice, to have serviceable areas in older spaces.

Highway department is entering new technology adaptation by use of brine solution to prevent ice build up on roads. One truck is being outfitted to apply the solution. Brine is a not cost product to obtain; it is an unwanted local resource. Staff is experimenting with ideal use for the technology as we learn how, under what weather conditions and when to apply the brine. We can expect a higher utilization of our salt in the future with satisfactory performance of the technology. Change is good when approached systematically, measured for success or failure, and then embraced.

Recent vehicle traffic accidents in the town warrant a strong plea to reduce speed. Three out of four recent accidents are a result of high-speed condition on dry clear roads. Highway Superintendent Roth would really like for folks to just plain slow down for our own sakes and safety.

Assessment Exemptions are due by Wednesday, March 1, 2006 to the Assessment office. No exceptions to this regulation.

All persons turning 65 in 2006 are eligible for Senior Star exemption. A person does not need to be 65 to apply, many of our eligible citizens lose out on this valuable exemption due to misunderstanding. Please take the time to check with those family members as to the Senior Star exemption status they have and ensure full benefit of the existing program.

Income eligibility for Senior Star is not to exceed \$66,050.00. To sign up for Senior Star, one must show 2004 tax return and proof of age at the Assessment Office. If you have further questions, please contact Assessor at 768-6910, ext. 221.

All property owners are eligible for Star exemption on their primary residence. If you have a question on this regular Star program, call Assessor at 768-6910, ext. 221.

**Priority Trails Final Public Input Meeting, Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM, Village Hall.** A joint Town and Village public meeting will take place as the last activity of the feasibility study. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts, comments and interest in moving forward for funding. This project works well with the Walk the Villages Program sponsored by Senator Mary Lou Rath. Hope to see you at the public input meeting.

**Town Clerk** reports that important changes to the Rabies Vaccine requirements may affect your dog.

Effective January 15, 2006, no dog license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. If your dog is due for a rabies booster during the next year, you must have it boosted now in order to have a full year license. If you choose not to have your dog vaccinated now you still need to pay the full annual fee and you will need to renew your dog license again after it has been vaccinated.

The Animal Industry Division of New York State Agriculture and Markets Department provided this information.

Rabies Clinics are scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> in Pembroke and June 22<sup>nd</sup> in LeRoy. More information will follow as time draws nearer.

Tax collecting has gone pretty smoothly this year. Of the total tax warrant to be collected by Town of LeRoy \$4,090,513.79, the breakdown follows:

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| County:              | \$ 3,265,877.79 |
| Fire District:       | \$ 493,106.00   |
| Town of LeRoy        | \$ 268,327.00   |
| Light Districts      | \$ 2,858.00     |
| Water District #6    | \$ 15,940.00    |
| Water District Ext 1 | \$ 44,405.00    |

To date we have collected \$2,957,358.51 and forwarded to the taxing entities. First paid are the local municipalities, so Town, Fire, two water districts and light district have been paid. County has received \$2,132,722.51 towards the tax levy leaving \$1,133,155.28 to yet be collected. Tax bills are eligible to be paid at Town Hall until March 31<sup>st</sup>. After that date all unpaid taxes are returned to the County Treasurer for re-levy.

Please note on your tax bill, the additional fees payable for February or March payment. Please include the additional amount in your tax payment.

#### **Code and Zoning Office:**

Please note, the Village and Town individual Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals have joined into one Planning Board and one Zoning Board of Appeals. The scheduled meetings are as follows:

Planning Board 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM Town Hall  
Zoning Board of Appeals 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM Village Hall

Just received notification of a new Part 1203 of the NYS Uniform Building and Fire Code that states: All buildings of public assembly will be inspected to meet fire code annually beginning January 1, 2007. Other occupancies, except single and two family dwellings, are to be inspected on a regular basis not to exceed two years.

Code Enforcement Officer will begin training on Part 1203 in March 2006. This inspection process and reporting should result in decreased insurance ratings for the community.

Weekly tours of the community show attention to keeping yards clear and free of debris. Thank you for your civic and community pride in LeRoy, it shows!

LeRoy Pantry and Help Fund administers to the community from Town Hall, lower level Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to Noon. The Pantry is credited with supporting families in the 200's on a regular basis. Dedication of the volunteer organization is felt and appreciated far and wide in our community. We thank you for your heartfelt work.

#### Other News:

Assessment Committee is working on formulating a Comprehensive Assessment Program with other municipalities. Prior to finalizing all of the details, there will be public presentation of the vision for our community and delivering fair and equitable assessment roll for the community. More to follow as we progress, so far all comments have been positive.

Park and Recreation Committee is busy reviewing applications received for a part time, temporary Recreation Director and Swimming Program Director. Committee will make recommendations to the Board as the process moves forward.

Water Committee is active with the acceptance of formal petition from **Ext. #8**, portions of Randall and Keeney Roads. Positive support of the assessed value is 89% and 64% of the residential population. Next step is to submit to New York State Comptroller for approval for the district to move forward. The district has been selected for USDA Rural Development Funding. A Grant of \$226,000 and low interest loan of \$316,000 is available for the construction of the public water line. If and when NYS Comptroller approves the district, then we hold conversations with Monroe County Water for supply and Engineers for design and bidding the project.

**Ext #3**, portion of Asbury Road is in the same status, selected for funding with a grant and low interest loan by USDA Rural Development. The application to State Comptroller is in the works.

A recent request by residents on the south end of Asbury Road for public water has been met with negative responds as to the high cost of obtaining public water. Town Board fulfilled obligation by providing requested information on estimated costs. Residents have individually shared negative responses. The Town Board as a result of residence direction will take no further action on the informal request.

Drainage Area in the **West Bergen/Quinlan** Area continues to be a struggle to move forward. However we now have the aggressive interest of our State and Federal representatives who are focused on getting remediation performed to prevent flooding to the public road and private dwellings. Funding will be applied for through Small Cities Grant Program, federal funds, eligibility criteria dictates an income survey be performed in the flooding area. Stu Brown and Associates have been authorized to collect the income survey information in preparation for the grant application. Please respond in a timely fashion to the survey. The grant application is due

April 1, <sup>2006</sup>. Your help is required to be competitive in the grant process. Thank you in advance of your support.

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Board for the next month are February 23 and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Plan on joining us as your schedule allows.

Reminder Town Hall and Highway will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observation of President's Day.

Comments and concerns are always welcome, Shelley Stein, Supervisor 768-6910, ext 231  
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